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## RAILROAD SAFETY CLASS BEING OFFERED IN NASHVILLE FOR FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY WORKERS

Class Open to All Individuals, Including Local 492, Local 600 Members & All Non-Union Production Crew

**NASHVILLE**—The Tennessee Film, Entertainment & Music Commission (TFEMC), in partnership with IATSE Local 492 and IATSE Local 600, will present "Railroad Safety Awareness for Film and Entertainment Industry Workers" on Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28 in Nashville. The Nashville class is open to all individuals, especially Tennessee residents working in the film and entertainment industry who wish to learn more about railroad safety on the set of a production.

"Tennessee prides itself on fostering the type of creative environment that encourages film production, but more importantly, we are focused on ensuring the safety of all individuals involved in these productions across our state," Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty said. "I encourage those involved in the film and entertainment industry to take advantage of this opportunity."

Class will begin each day promptly at 8:30 a.m. Instructors include Arthur "Art" J. Miller Jr., Carol W. Wood and Kevin Amick. Art is a rail transportation specialist with more than 25 years of experience. Art's credits include Schindler's List, The Fugitive, Under Siege II – In Dark Territory, and Unstoppable. Carol is an award-winning film/TV production designer with more than 30 feature film, TV, and 2nd Unit Director Credits. Kevin is Director of Education for IATSE Local 479.

"I would like to encourage everyone working in production today to consider participating in this course," TFEMC Executive Director Bob Raines said. "It's important that our workforce possess the knowledge and skills to promote a safe work environment. I want to thank the IASTE for their partnership and continued support to training and set safety issues."

"The IASTE local 492 is proud to be working with the Tennessee Film, Entertainment & Music Commission to help create a better informed and safer work force," Peter Kurland, Business Agent for the Local 492, said. "This class contains information which will be of great value to everyone involved, from locations people to make-up artists as well as producers."



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Each class will be a full-day training program combining classroom and field instruction with participants only required to attend one day. Passing an exam at the end of each instructional period is necessary in order to obtain a certificate of completion. This class will cover basic railroad safety for production personnel; how to know when a production is properly authorized to work on a railroad; federal railroad safety regulations; and how to effectively report safety concerns.

The classroom portion will be held at NuMynd Studios located at 915 Twin Elms Ct. in Nashville and will begin at 8:30 a.m. each morning. There will then be a short move to the <u>Central Tennessee Railway Museum</u> located at 220 Willow St. in Nashville to complete the field exercises and exam.

There is a \$50 registration fee for this class, which includes a catered lunch. This fee is refundable to Local 492 and Local 600 members in good standing who complete the course. There are no refunds for failure to attend a course or to complete the course. Union and non-union crew will need to remit payment, include the <a href="REGISTRATION FORM">REGISTRATION FORM</a> and note which date you wish to attend—either Saturday, September 27 or Sunday, September 28—to: IATSE Local 492 PO BOX 90174 NASHVILLE, TN 37209. Checks should be made out to IATSE Local 492.

This is a limited-seating class and once seat capacity is filled, there will no longer be room for additional applications. Registration for these classes ends on **September 20**.

For any questions concerning payment or class details, please contact Marcia Eden, Education Coordinator- IATSE Local 492, at <a href="mailto:iatse492-education@comcast.net">iatse492-education@comcast.net</a>.

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